

2007 Clean Water New Jersey Awards Program

Public Complex and Highway Agency Categories



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INTRODUCTION

The 2007 Clean Water New Jersey Awards Program has been created to acknowledge the outstanding efforts of Public Complexes and Highway Agencies to manage stormwater under the New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NJPDES) Municipal Stormwater Regulation Program. The Department of Environmental Protection (Department) realizes that the requirements associated with the Program are comprehensive and, at times challenging. This award program is intended to recognize those programs that either go above and beyond the basic permit requirements; and/or have developed innovative approaches that have resulted in more efficient processes, significant cost savings, or mechanisms that promote cost-sharing or shared services.

Commissioner Lisa P. Jackson will honor award recipients at a ceremony to be held at the Department.

ELIGIBILITY

Nominations for this award may only be submitted by those entities currently authorized to discharge stormwater under the Public Complex Stormwater General Permit or Highway Agency Stormwater General Permit. Nominees must be able to certify that they are implementing a unique stormwater program and are in compliance with all applicable regulatory requirements.

Applicants must agree to have information about their program shared with others through written material distributed by the Department.

AWARD CATEGORIES

The Department will be presenting a total of three (3) awards. Public Complexes and Highway Agencies may nominate themselves in any of the following categories:

1. Local Public Education (limited to Colleges, Universities and Military Bases)
 - **Permit Requirements** – Colleges, Universities and Military Bases are required to annually distribute the Department's brochure entitled, "Solutions to Stormwater Pollution," and conduct an annual educational event. Colleges, Universities and Military Bases must also establish a program to label storm drain inlets.
 - **Award Examples** - An innovative educational program may include, but not be limited to, the distribution of an environmental newsletter that highlights stormwater education. In addition, conducting more than one event per year and targeting more than just the required employees, students, and/ or personnel. Developing and maintaining a web page containing appropriate stormwater education information and linking to the Clean Water NJ web page. Labeling every storm drain inlet, or labeling the required ones ahead of schedule.
2. Illicit Connection and Outfall Pipe Mapping Program
 - **Permit Requirements** - Public Complexes and Highway Agencies are required to establish an ongoing program to detect and eliminate illicit connections. Also, Public Complexes and Highway Agencies must prepare a map of outfall pipe maps.
 - **Award Examples** – Examples include, but are not limited to, establishing a hotline specifically for users and employees of the Public Complexes and Highway Agencies to alert appropriate staff to the location and/or source of an illicit connection. Mapping the entire storm sewer system within the Public Complex or Highway Agency. Examples include cost-sharing programs with municipalities or other agencies, utilizing GPS and/or

locating outfalls on GIS mapping, and/or developing a program for students to learn GPS and GIS mapping while completing the project.

3. Maintenance Yard Operations (including Solids and Floatable Control)

- **Permit Requirements** - Public Complexes and Highway Agencies must develop and implement programs for street sweeping, storm drain inlet retrofitting, road erosion control, stormwater facility maintenance, outfall pipe stream scouring remediation, de-icing material storage and development of standard operation procedures for fueling operations, vehicle maintenance, and good housekeeping procedures.
- **Award Examples** – Examples include, but are not limited to, implementing shared services with neighboring municipalities or other agencies, retrofitting more than the required storm drain inlets, aggressive street sweeping program, or installing a vehicle washing system prior to the February 28, 2009 deadline.

AWARD DOCUMENTATION

Please provide clear information explaining how you are implementing an innovative stormwater program that has produced exceptional results. You should also discuss **no more than four** pages how your program has gone beyond the basic NJPDES permit requirements. You may provide **up to three** documents to support the application. These documents should highlight program achievements. Examples include your Annual Report and Certification, newspaper clippings, photos, event programs, and operation records (e.g., street sweeping or road erosion logs). NOTE: Photographs must be suitable for reproduction and publication in local press releases and on the Department's web site. Please do not send negatives, slides, or copies of photographs. Because your photographs may be published, you must identify each person in the photographs and provide a brief caption.

Use the following as a guideline for describing your program:

- (1) Describe the conditions that existed prior to the development and implementation of your program, including any relevant environmental factors;
- (2) Describe in detail your stormwater program/project;
- (3) Describe how your program/project is achieving its goal of stormwater pollution prevention and/or innovative solutions. Have you been able to document, through monitoring or some other means, the environmental benefits of your program? If yes, please describe. Are there unexpected benefits or cost savings from the program?

EVALUATING

A panel of judges will evaluate all nomination forms and make a final decision.

SUBMITTALS AND DEADLINES

All nomination forms and supporting materials must be submitted to the Department no later than September 28, 2007. All entries become property of the Department.

Applicants may apply for any of the awards for which they are eligible. However, separate nomination forms must be submitted for each topic.

ABOUT THE CLEAN WATER NEW JERSEY CAMPAIGN

The Clean Water New Jersey campaign seeks to reach all residents and businesses of the State and promote basic behavioral changes, through statewide stormwater education, that will reduce the amount of pollution entering the surface and ground waters of the State. For more information please visit www.cleanwaternj.org.

2007 Clean Water New Jersey Awards Program Application

(Please include this form with all submitted application materials)

Indicate the type of permit you discharge stormwater under:

☐ Public Complex

☐ Highway Agency

Facility Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

County: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Person responsible for preparing application: _____

Title: _____ Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Stormwater Program Coordinator: _____

Title: _____ Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Category of Nomination:

☐ Local Public Education (limited to Colleges, Universities and Military Bases)

☐ Illicit Connection and Outfall Pipe Mapping Program

☐ Maintenance Yard / Public Works Operations (including Solids and Floatable Control)

*NOTE: A separate application must be submitted for each nomination.

Did you attach your answers to the award criteria questions? Incomplete applications may be rejected. Submit application and supporting materials by September 28, 2007 to:

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Water Quality
Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control
PO Box 029
Trenton, NJ 08625
Attention: Tara Wood

**For questions regarding the application process please contact your
Case Manager, Matthew Klewin, at 609-633-7021.**

For electronic copies of this application please go to www.cleanwaternj.org